

## Iron County Register

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In the Turkish housecleaning all over?

The firecracker crop will soon be ripe.

Life imprisonment—no wonder Boyle feels sore.

One hundred worst books! Why, there are a million.

Anticigarette agitators are making a good deal of smoke.

Minister Wu Tung-Fang believes in women's suffrage. But not in China.

The first message flashed to Mars should consist of the day's baseball score.

Baltimore man erects a monument to Adam. Watch the suffragettes tear it down!

A Connecticut man has invented a "noiseless typewriter." We shall welcome her.

Kansas City newspaper humorist wins wife by his jokes. Whom are they on, now?

It isn't the young Porto Ricans that are making the trouble. It's the same old bunch.

Dreadnoughts at \$10,000,000 apiece are almost too costly to expose to the perils of war scares.

Poland continues to be sliced by Russia. They'll soon have to scud along under bare poles.

New York school teachers will not strike, but they have compelled the city to hear their complaints.

Even if communication with Mars were established it would be impossible to negotiate a loan that way.

Now it is claimed that only 10,000 Christians were killed in the recent massacres in Asia Minor. "Only!"

"Mother's Day" is all right, but what's the matter with "Father's Day?" Is he an alien—an exile from home?

The Moslems are almost as crazy as the Donkhoros about Winnipeg and twice as malicious and blood-thirsty.

Abdul Hamid has transferred \$5,000,000 to the new government. What persuasive voices and taking ways the Young Turks have!

An English official in India has killed 130 tigers, but don't be sorry for the big cats. They kill several times that number of human victims every year.

Many small boys maintain, by word and deed, that it is warm enough to go swimming. But are small boys judges of anything that means risk and discomfort but spells fun?

Queen Alexandra of England has done an unwise thing for herself in coming to the front to denounce woman suffrage. Hitherto she has enjoyed the privilege of being let alone, but now she has challenged attention she will probably get it from the suffragettes good and plenty—more than she desires.

Count Boni de Castellane wants to go on a big hunt in the Rocky mountains. The little pink-and-white count ought to be careful in this determination lest the wild animals mistake him for a dainty bonbon rather than a near-Nimrod. Besides, the linelight can accommodate only one mighty hunter at a time.

Florence Nightingale, the heroine of the Crimean war, is in her ninetieth year. She on one side of the Atlantic and Clara Barton on this have in their old age the proudest records which human effort can win, for their long lives have been devoted solely to the alleviation of human suffering, and it is simply impossible to estimate how many thousands have come to bless the fact that these two women lived.

While the life sentence in one case and 25 years in the other cannot be considered excessive punishment for the Boyle kidnappers, it is painful to reflect that if these culprits had murdered the child they might have drawn much milder terms or escaped entirely. People have queer ideas now and then. There are places in the country where it is less dangerous to kill a man than to sell him a drink.

A queer complaint has come from Coney Island. Young and handsome policemen on the Gibson man plan were so hampered in their work by the adulation of appreciative femininity that an official order has gone forth replacing each Adonis of the club with an old and ugly veteran, who is also required to be married, so as to be absolutely steelproof against temptations to engage in the alluring game of fascinating the fair sex.

A young Brooklyn bride on her home-coming invited to the celebration six young men to whom she had previously been engaged. They got even with the bride by coming and celebrating their narrow escape.

Chicago husbands have received a severe jar from the fact that a court there has declared that divorced men are liable for alimony even as long as 50 years after the divorce. At this rate they will find it cheaper to stay married and cut down the spousal pin money.

A minister of Long Island says that the present fashion in huge hats are not conducive to holiness. Which seems stating the case very mildly when one recalls the profanity for which they are more or less responsible.

Now the English suffragettes are bombarding the members of parliament with rockets. From oratorical fireworks they have gone to the real thing, and the frightened legislators are asking in subdued whispers: "What next?"

## TEN KILLED IN COLLISION

DISOBEDIENCE OF ORDERS CAUSE OF DISASTROUS WRECK.

Impact of Cars Weld Them Together Into a Mass of Debris in Which Lay the Dead and Injured.

South Bend, Ind.—Ten persons were killed and forty injured in a wreck on the Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend railway in Porter county, Ind., two of the big electric cars colliding head-on. According to General Manager H. U. Wallace, the wreck was due to disobedience of orders by Motorman George A. Reed, of the east-bound car, who was killed.

Reed received instructions at Gary to wait at Wilson, a short distance west of Bailey town, the point at which the disaster occurred for the west-bound car to pass. The impact of the cars were so great that they were reduced to a mass of wreckage.

The dead: George A. Reed, motorman, Michigan City, Ind., formerly of Villa Grove, Ill. Ray F. Merriman, married, South Bend; Chas. Johnson, porter, Indiana; Edward Gilbertson, porter, Indiana; A. Barber, Mishawaka, Ind.; F. T. Moore, residence unknown; William Leon, secretary of the Dowagiac Motor Works, Dowagiac, Mich.; F. A. Lake, president Dowagiac Motor Works, Dowagiac, Mich.; H. H. Hutson, Niles, Mich.; Chas. Swanson, porter, Indiana.

The injured were mostly from South Bend, and nearby Indiana towns.

Scene Sickening to Extreme.

The east-bound car, running as train No. 59, it is stated was going at the rate of 50 miles an hour to make up lost time. When the crash occurred, the east-bound car was telescoped and almost entirely wrecked. In this train were all of the killed and most of the injured, passengers on train No. 58 west-bound escaping with slight bruises and scratches. The scene of the wreck immediately after the crash was described by eye witnesses as being sickening to the extreme. The two cars were welded together into a mass of debris in which lay the ten dead and dying and two score injured.

The cries and appeals for help were horrifying and caused a scene of utter confusion for many minutes. Soon after, however, the cool-headed among the passengers brought order out of chaos, and while some arranged to convert the home of E. R. Borg, nearby into a temporary hospital and morgue, others turned their attention to rescuing the dead and injured.

Darkness greatly interfered with the progress of the rescuers and to make matters worse, the nearest telephone was three quarters of a mile away.

All Are Killed in Smoker.

All but one of the killed were in the smoking compartment of car in the front end. This space originally used as baggage and freight room, was fitted up for use of the smokers and was crowded.

The body of Motorman Reed was terribly mutilated. One of his arms and one leg were found a dozen yards from the track and his body was pinioned near the top of the wreckage.

The South Shore line, as the road is known, has been in operation for about a year running cars from South Bend to Chicago.

LOSSES MORTGAGED LEG

Woman Had Listed Wooden Limb as Household Goods—Lost Under Foreclosure.

Des Moines, Ia.—Just because her wooden leg had been listed as household property, Mrs. Charles Harbison, East Fifth and Walnut streets, was compelled to unstrap the mechanical member at the knee and lay it on top of all the other humble household goods as they were carried away under a mortgage foreclosure.

Sobbing, Mrs. Harbison pleaded with the loan company agents to leave her the wooden leg as she would be helpless without it, but her entreaties were in vain. She hid it in the bed, but the hiding place was found.

Alligator Steals a Boy.

Colon.—While playing on the banks of the Pacure river the 6-year-old son of Mrs. Gabriel Bustillos was seized and carried off by a huge alligator.

Col. Garza Tries Suicide.

Valderrama, Mexico.—Charged with deliberate execution of fifteen citizens during religious riots at Easter, Col. Garza Gonzalez attempted suicide by hanging himself to the bars of his cell. Guards attracted to the spot quickly cut him loose.

Duchess of Aosta Coming.

Rome, Italy.—The Duchess of Aosta is shortly going to America to stay several months. Her sister, the Duchess of Guiz, has sailed aboard the Berlin for New York.

Dallas For Encampment.

Dallas, Texas.—General A. L. Meyer, of the United States army, who is here, has selected the fair grounds as the place for the encampment and maneuvers of the United States troops in the southwest. They will pitch tents August 21 and stay until August 28.

M., K. & T. Shops Destroyed.

Denison, Texas.—Fire here destroyed the shops and planing mill of the M., K. & T. R. R. at a loss of \$80,000. Heavy rain saved other buildings.

Haymarket Survivor Dies Suddenly.

Chicago, Illinois.—D. W. Nickerson, who was deputy sheriff here at the time of the execution of the Haymarket rioters, is dead of apoplexy in Mason City, Ia., the county where Sheriff S. P. Hanchett and Chief Clerk W. H. Gleason, connected with the anarchists' trial, died of the same complaint.

Cuba Now Has a Navy.

Havana.—A bill has passed the house changing the title of the revenue service to the Cuban navy.

## FITTING OUT THE KIDDIES



## CORPORATION TAX NOT SATISFACTORY

DESIGNED TO "CHLOROFORM" INCOME TAX AMENDMENT, DECLARE PROGRESSIVES.

## WANT TO AMEND CONSTITUTION

Tax Upon Net Income of Corporations Alone Will Reach Desired Results, Yet Will Not Effect Individuals.

Washington, D. C.—Five progressive Republican senators, Messrs. Borah, Bristow, Cummins, La Follette and Clapp, conferred last night to determine what their attitude is to be in relation to the income tax amendment to the tariff bill in the face of President Taft's special message to congress, favoring the submission of the question to the states for a constitutional amendment, and the enactment of a law taxing the net earnings of corporations.

They decided that the president's plan is not inconsistent with their demands for the adoption of an amendment taxing incomes, and that both may be adopted in harmony. They assume that the president's plan, endorsed by leading Republicans on the finance committee, is designed to "chloroform" the income tax amendment, but nevertheless announce that they will continue to fight for its adoption.

Progressives Issue Statement.

In a brief statement prepared by Messrs. Borah and Bristow, the supporters of an income tax amendment, say:

"The friends of the income tax feel it a duty to continue to put forth every effort to secure the adoption of the measure. They will therefore urge the adoption of the amendment. They also stand ready to support a resolution providing for an amendment to the constitution of the United States. While they believe that the Supreme Court will sustain the law, yet to provide against any possible contingency that might result from an adverse decision, they gladly favor the proposition to amend the constitution. They do not feel satisfied with simply a corporation tax. A tax upon the net income of corporations alone will very well reach the desired results. It will exempt in large number the ones with large fortunes. The provision they favor treats large incomes exactly alike, whether received by corporations or individuals, and whether arising from interest, dividends, inheritances or otherwise.

Increase Wages 10 Per Cent.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Eight thousand employees of the ones & Laughlin Steel company have been notified that from the date of June 1, their wage rate has been computed on a basis of ten per cent higher than has ruled since last April, when the same rate of reduction was made.

Historic Church Burns.

Namur, Belgium.—The historic church of Marialine, which contained a valuable Rubens, was destroyed by fire.

France Has Another Quake.

Paris, France.—Advices received here say that slight earth shocks occurred again at Toulon and Marseilles. The water in the harbor at the latter place receded two feet, returning to its usual level only after several hours.

Harriman Gets Georgia Central.

New York City.—The sale of the Central of Georgia railway to the Illinois Central railroad, carrying out plans forecasted more than a year ago, is announced.

Ostris Prize Divided.

Paris, France.—The French institute has divided the Ostris prize of \$20,000 between M. Heriot, the aeronaut, and Gabriel Voisin, the aeroplane manufacturer, for their contributions to the progress of aviation.

Turkey Ambassador Received.

Washington, D. C.—In his capacity as ambassador to this country from Mehmed V, the new sultan of Turkey, Hussein Kiam Bey, was received formerly at the White House by President Taft.

## MILITIAMAN BEING TRIED

Stabbed 16-Year-Old Boy With Bayonet While Trying to Board a Special Train.

Paxton, Ill.—Introduction of testimony began in the trial of Joseph B. Klein, of Chicago, a private in Company A, First regiment, Illinois National guard, Klein is charged with the murder of Earl Nelson, 16 years old, who was stabbed to death at Kankakee on August 15, 1908, with a bayonet, while trying to board a special train in which troops were going from Chicago to Springfield to quell the race riots.

The jury as completed after three days work, is composed of ten farmers, a business man and a workman.

## HAWAII STRIKERS DIVIDED

Japanese Union Resolve Not to Strike But Present Statement of Their Demands to Planters.

Honolulu.—Forty-five delegates from the Japanese Union on the island of Hawaii, representing 9,000 laborers, have just concluded a session lasting four days, and nights. They resolved not to strike, nor help the Oahu strikers, but to present a statement of their demands and trust to the fairness of the planters. They ask for a ten hour day at one dollar, for time and a half for work overtime and on Sunday's and for quarters equal to those of the Spaniards and Portuguese. These demands will be presented to the planters association on Monday.

Both Participants Dead

Detective and Switchman Engage in a Pistol Duel—Both Were Good Marksmen.

Louisville, Ky.—Frank Slingers, a railroad detective employed by the Kentucky & Indiana Bridge and Railroad company, and W. T. Charles, a switchman for the Illinois Central Railroad company, engaged in a pistol duel last Thursday afternoon, which resulted in speedy death for both. Earlier in the day, Charles had engaged in a clash with an employee of the Kentucky & Indiana company over a matter of routine work and when Charles and Slingers met in a saloon, they engaged in an altercation which ended when they drew pistols and shot each other to death.

Hales Bar Lock In Use.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—The great lock and dam constructed at Hales Bar, 17 miles from the city, which has been in course of construction for three years, and cost more than \$3,000,000, has been put into commission. The construction of this lock and dam results in making the Tennessee river navigable to Chattanooga the year around. The plant develops 50,000 horse power.

Junior O. U. A. M. Change Ritual.

Detroit, Mich.—The National Council Junior Order of United American Mechanics passed a resolution changing the ritual of the order so that it will contain three degrees instead of one. A resolution was passed accepting the offer of the Tennessee state council to donate grounds and buildings for a home for old and indigent members of the order. The institution is to be located in Tennessee and its cost is estimated at \$75,000.

Chloroform Caused Death.

Chicago.—Chloroform, administered externally, caused the death of Mrs. Nora Clemenson, wife of Dr. Haldane Clemenson, of this city, May 31, according to an official report made to Coroner Hoffman.

Ten Killed by Lightning.

Vienna.—Great loss of life and damage to property have been caused in the Sanok district by thunder storms. Many houses have been struck by lightning and the occupants killed.

Iron Company in Trouble.

Birmingham, Ala.—A petition in involuntary bankruptcy was filed in the United States district court here Thursday afternoon against the Woodstock Iron company, with headquarters and plants at Anniston.

Endite Murder Six.

Kiev, Russia.—A band of armed men who visited the estate of a local land holder and were refused a large sum of money, shot the land owner, his mother, three peasants and a servant. The bandits escaped.

## MATSON WINS AUTO RACE

DEFEATS SIXTEEN RIVALS IN LIGHT CAR EVENT.

Boston Driver Maintains Average Speed of 52 Miles an Hour Over 232.74 Mile Course.

Crown Point, Ind.—The First honors in the opening "Western Vanderbilt" automobile races went to Joseph Matson, who piloted a Chalmers Detroit "Blue Bird" to a brilliant victory over fifteen rivals. The race was for light cars only for 232.74 miles and while of great importance in itself, was generally considered as preliminary to the race of the big cars for the Cobe cup over the same course. Perfect weather and the absence of any save the most trivial injuries to drivers were fortunate circumstances of the winning of the Indiana trophy by Matson.

The field numbered sixteen cars at the start, the Ford and Renault having withdrawn. The leading trio finished as follows:

Chalmers-Detroit (Matson) 4:31:21. Locomobile (Robertson) 4:39:03. Marlon (Moussin) 4:42:03.

The time of the other cars was not taken as they were flagged off the course after the first three had finished.

Officers Blow a Safe

High Sheriff to Face Burglary Charge for Forcing Strong Box to Secure Documents.

Honolulu, H. I.—The latest development of the complicated situation which has grown out of the strike of the Hawaiian plantation laborers and the subsequent arrest of their leaders, is a charge of burglary preferred by Attorney Joseph Lightfoot, who represents the accused men, against High Sheriff William Henry and Attorney's William A. Kinney and Mason Prosser, counsel for the planters association.

The accusation grows out of the blowing of the safe in the office of the JJI, the radical Japanese newspaper, and the seizure of books and papers belonging to Editor Soga and others, which are alleged to have revealed a conspiracy among the leaders of the strike to obtain control of the islands. The matter is now being investigated by the grand jury.

Monster Hall Planned

Chicago Structure to Have Seating Capacity of 45,000 Including Arena Space.

Chicago, Ill.—The largest convention hall in the country—three times larger than Madison Square Garden in New York—has been planned for this city, according to an announcement made by Harlow N. Higginbotham.

The building will be known as the Amphitheatre and will have a seating capacity, including the arena space, of 45,000 persons.

It will be elliptical in form and with slight modifications will be a reproduction of the Flavian amphitheatre in Rome.

Liquor Caused Downfall

Oregon Murderer on Gallows Delivers Temperance Address—"Keep Liquor Down."

Salem, Ore.—Adolf N. Nordstrom, convicted of the murder of John Peterson, foreman of a railroad construction gang last February, was hanged here Friday. Nordstrom, on the gallows, gave a temperance address, saying:

"Keep liquor down; people, if you can, I am not the first man to be hanged on account of it, I am sorry for what I have done and wish God would save my soul. God bless all of you. Good by."

French Schooner Wrecked.

San Francisco, Cal.—News of the wreck of the French trading schooner Tannari-Tahiti, in a storm which swept the south seas several weeks ago, was brought by the steamer Mariposa, arriving from Tahiti. The eight members of her crew were rescued.

Big Turnfest at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—Some 5,000 Turners from all parts of the country went into camp here Saturday for the annual turnfest of their national organization, which will last ten days. The Turners must live and sleep in tents while here and the people of Cincinnati have erected a large tent city that accords with the rules and regulations of the United States army. It includes 50 shower baths and ample kitchen accommodations.

Shoots Wife and Self.

New York City.—Richard Beffley, a young Brooklyn steamfitter in a fit of jealousy shot his wife, Margaret, 18 years old, mortally wounding her and then sent two bullets from the same revolver into his head and the other into his heart.

Gold by the Ton.

Seattle, Wash.—Six and a half tons of virgin gold, valued at \$3,200,000, the largest single shipment ever sent from Alaska, arrived on the steamer Jefferson from Juneau.

Emma Goldman Advises Strikers.

New York City.—Emma Goldman in a speech in Hoboken advised dissatisfied bakers not to strike, but to stay at work and to leave the salt out of their bread. The resultant cramps in the bakers' stomachs she said would stimulate thought.

No Indictment Returned.

Jackson, Ky.—The grand jury called to investigate the attempted assassination of Ed. Callahan, noted feudist, was discharged without returning an indictment.

## HADLEY SIGNS 418 BILLS; VETOES 45

APPROVES WOMEN'S NINE-HOUR MEASURE—INSURANCE BILL KILLED.

REVIEWERS WORK AS COMPLETED

Governor Takes Action on Every Measure Submitted by Legislature—Nearly \$200,000 Appropriations Vetoed.

Kansas City.—Missouri's capitol has been moved back to Jefferson City, Gov. Hadley and his secretaries abandoning their quarters in the Baltimore hotel in time to send all the documents out on a noon train, so as to have them placed in the hands of the secretary of state in time for filing. By noon the governor passed upon the last of the bills which the legislature had left as a legacy to him, in all having signed 418 and disapproved 45 bills.

The governor left no bills to become a law through lapse of time. He dodged nothing, but met every measure squarely. Among the bills which the governor signed on the last day was one to raise the pay of the Kansas City court of appeals judges \$2,500 a year and to increase the pay of the Jackson county judges from \$1,000 to \$2,500 a year. From the general appropriation act the governor struck out an item of \$3,500 for decorating the St. Louis court of appeals room, there being provision made for such work in another bill. One of the last bills signed creates a new civil court in St. Louis. He struck out an item of \$6,800 to reimburse Green county, and still another item of \$8,500 to reimburse Cass county for roads. The governor found that the roads for which pay was asked had been built prior to the enactment of the law which authorizes the state to help meet such costs.

Of his work in connection with the legislature the governor said, just before leaving Kansas City:

"I have finished the consideration of the bills passed by the last general assembly and have signed or vetoed every bill passed. I have, of course, signed some measures that I would not have voted for as a member of the legislature, but where my obligations were simply based upon a difference of opinion I have signed the bills. The bills that were vetoed were those I felt were vicious or would be injurious if they were permitted to become a law. I have vetoed appropriation bills amounting to between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

"Explains Insurance Bill Veto.

"I vetoed the bill authorizing insurance agents to agree upon insurance rates because I was advised by the attorney general and members of the revision commission that the bill was of doubtful constitutionality, and for the further reason that I considered it inadvisable at this time.

"I vetoed the electric headlight bill, requiring railroads to equip all their locomotives with headlights of 1500 candle-power, because I deemed the bill of doubtful advisability and because I was able to secure an agreement between the railroad companies by which the railroads agreed to make a marked improvement in all their headlights, and in a manner satisfactory to the trainmen.

"The legislature failed to pass the laws that I recommended in regulation of the railroads and liquor traffic, but it did pass a law permitting the transfer of saloon licenses, under which it would have been practically impossible for the police board and the excise commissioner in St. Louis to have revoked a dramshop license for violations of the law. This bill, of course, I promptly vetoed.

"I think the list of bills given me by the last legislature was the largest that any governor has ever had to consider, and I am glad to have the work of my hands. As soon as my work on the state board of equalization in the assessment of public service corporation property of the state is completed I expect to take up the investigation of the various state institutions and see what I can do to improve conditions in them."

St. Joseph—A heavy rain flooded Hyde park and Sketerville, in South St. Joseph. A creek 200 yards south of Brown's branch, a large stream, overflowed, and meeting the waters of the larger stream, swept through the suburbs, flooding basements of more than 100 homes, washing trees away.

Standard Fight Cost Mo. \$17,179.14.

Jefferson City.—The cost of prosecuting the Standard Oil case in the Missouri supreme court was \$17,179.14, and the clerk of the court will certify that amount to the Waters-Pierce Oil Co. for payment. It has not appeared from the judgment, and hence the final judgment has gone against it and it is liable for all the costs. The Standard and the Republic companies have appealed to the supreme court of the United States.

Revision Upward.

There are senators so rude as to intimate that if Mr. Aldrich's new style of appropriations revision is of the same make as his sample of tariff revision, they are fully determined to patronize his rival shop.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Satisfactory.

The kidnappers says if she must spend life in a cell she'll end that life. The world smiles and replies: "Oh, very well."

## MISSOURI NEWS

Major Holds Laws Effective Aug. 15.

Jefferson City.—Despite the fact that one of the bills passed at the recent session of the general assembly and which has been approved by the governor fixes November 1 as the date when the laws enacted by the assembly shall become operative, Attorney General Major, in a written opinion holds that they go into effect ninety days after sine die adjournment, or August 15, unless through an emergency clause, they become operative earlier. The legislature adjourned May 17. This is a matter which has aroused deep interest over the entire state, the popular impression being that all approved bills become laws in ninety days after adjournment until it was discovered that there was a bill postponing the date until November 1. While David H. Harris, a member of the revision committee, contends that this bill is in nowise in conflict with the constitution, the attorney general in his opinion, sustains the position he takes by the constitution.

Upper Missouri Inspected.

Kansas City.—Col. W. H. Bixby, chairman of the Army Board, which made the much-discussed unfavorable report on the proposed 14-foot waterway in the Mississippi river, came to Kansas City on the United States snagsboat McPherson, from Bismarck, N. D. Col. Bixby is a member of the Mississippi River Commission and division engineer in charge of the Missouri river. Congress has called for a report on the desirability of improving the Missouri between Bismarck and Sioux City, and he and Capt. E. H. Schultz went over the river on the snagsboat for a preliminary examination. "I see no reason," Col. Bixby said, "why navigation should not be profitable on the Missouri north of Kansas City. There is plenty of water there, even in the low-water season. The only obstruction we encountered was the bridge at Leavenworth, where it requires 30 minutes for a boat to get through the draw."

Military Schools Affected.

Jefferson City.—Governor Hadley has issued an order to Adjutant General Rumbold notifying him he must no longer consider any military school in the state either as a post or a part of the national guard of Missouri unless it conforms to the requirements of an act of the last legislature, which repealed all laws making them such posts. The only school of this kind in the state which meets all these exacting is the Kemper Military Academy of Booneville. Adjutant Rumbold states that the Wentworth Military Academy, at Lexington, also is to come up to the standard. The military department of the State University is a national guard post, deriving much of its support from the federal government. Its graduates are given brevet school lieutenant commissions in the National Guard of Missouri.

Slug Woman; Steal Testimony.

Kansas City.—Struck on the left temple with a blackjack by an unknown assassin, Miss Annie Lee Owen, a public stenographer, who has been taking the evidence in the investigations held by the police commissioners, was knocked unconscious while at work in her office, 608 Dwight building, and most of her stenographic reports stolen. She was taken to the University hospital immediately after being found by Hugh E. Martin, where she is said to be in a critical condition and suffering from a probable fracture of the skull.

Many Flee \$10,000 Fire.

St. Louis.—The plant of the Continental Dyeing and Cleaning company, 1613 South Jefferson avenue, was damaged \$10,000 by fire. The blaze started from an explosion of gasoline in the building. All the occupants escaped without danger, but were unable to check the blaze, which spread rapidly and had attained great headway when the fire department arrived. The building was damaged \$4,000 and machinery and stock \$6,000.

Pastor Hurt in Auto Smash.

Webb City.—The Reverend Doctor James H. Spear, pastor of the First Union Presbyterian church, of New York, was fatally hurt here in a collision of two street cars with an automobile in which he was riding. He came to Webb City to fill a local pulpit.</